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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 8, 1862. Ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. GRAY.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to amend "An act to further provide for the public defence," approved April 16, 1862.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of*
2 *America do enact,* That the President be, and he is
3 hereby authorized to call out and place in the military
4 service of the Confederate States, for three years, unless
5 the war be sooner ended, all white men who are residents
6 of any of the Confederate States, between the ages of
7 thirty-five and forty-five years, and also those who may
8 have attained the age of eighteen years at the time the
9 call or calls may be made, and who are not, at such

10 times, legally exempted from military service ; which
11 call or calls shall be made under the provisions and ac-
12 cording to the terms of this act and of the act to which it
13 is an amendment ; and nothing herein contained shall be
14 understood as repealing or modifying any part of said
15 former act, except as hereinafter stated.

1 SEC. 2. From the number of those enrolled, those first
2 called into service shall be such portion from each State
3 as may be necessary to recruit to their maximum number
4 the companies, squadrons, battalions, and regiments
5 which were organized and in service from such State on
6 the 16th of April, 1862, and now in service ; and then
7 there may be called into service such further number
8 from each State as may be necessary to recruit the com-
9 panies, squadrons, battalions, and regiments raised and
10 organized from such State since the said 16th day of
11 April. And, after the existing organizations from any
12 State have been fully recruited, the President may, at
13 his discretion, delay further calls until further recruits
14 are necessary ; or he may call for the surplus remaining,
15 and others, being able-bodied men over forty-five years
16 of age, who may volunteer, to be organized into new

17 companies, squadrons, battalions, and regiments of such
18 different arms of military service as he may direct.

1. SEC. 3. All who may be called into service shall be
2 entitled to a bounty of fifty dollars, to be paid when
3 mustered in ; and those called into service to recruit ex-
4 isting organizations shall, in no event, be assigned to
5 companies from other States ; but they shall be allowed
6 to select the company from their own State which they
7 may prefer to join until it is recruited to its maximum ;
8 the selection to be made according to such regulations
9 as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

1 SEC. 4. The elections for officers of companies, squad-
2 rons, battalions, or regiments which may hereafter be
3 ordered either to fill vacancies, or for new organizations,
4 shall be held after at least five days' notice has been
5 given of the time and place ; and the officers elected shall
6 be examined as to their qualification within two months
7 after their election, by a Board of Examiners composed
8 of competent military officers assigned to that duty in
9 each military department. If they be reported qualified
10 by the board they shall be commissioned by the Presi-
11 dent, but, if not qualified, then the election shall be void.

12 and their places filled by promotion according to senior-
 13 ity of those found qualified ; and the offices so vacated
 14 by promotion shall be filled by new elections, but always
 15 subject to examination as aforesaid before being com-
 16 missioned.

1 SEC. 5. The regiments now in service, and others that
 2 may hereafter be raised and organized from each State
 3 shall, as far as practicable, be formed into separate bri-
 4 gades ; and brigades from each State shall be command-
 5 ed by officers who are citizens of their respective States.
 6 And appointments of Brigadier and Major Generals from
 7 citizens of each State shall be made, so that the number
 8 of such officers in the Provisional Army from the several
 9 States shall be proportioned to the number of troops
 10 raised or called into service from the respective States.

1 SEC. 6. The President is authorized to suspend the
 2 execution of this act, or of the act to which it is amend-
 3 atory, so far as relates to the enrolment and calling into
 4 service of soldiers enrolled, in any locality where he be-
 5 lieves such suspension will promote the public interest :
 6 *Provided*, That nothing in said acts shall be so construed
 7 as to prevent the acceptance of volunteers for three

8 years, or for the war if it be sooner ended, from such lo-
9 calities, but the President is authorized to accept such
10 volunteers, who shall be organized, as far as practicable,
11 according to the provisions of said acts, and such regu-
12 lations as the Secretary of War may prescribe.

1 SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from its passage, ex-
2 cept in the States of Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas, in
3 which States it shall take effect on the thirtieth day after
4 its passage.





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